5th Grade Research Assignment

Essential Question:

How do I use the writing process with research to communicate factual information to my audience?

Assignment:

You have just been hired by a national magazine to write a non-fiction article to be published in their next issue of the magazine. Your article must have one specific topic and three sub-topics. You will need to include an interesting introduction paragraph, at least three paragraphs with sub-topic information and a convincing concluding paragraph. You must be ready to submit your typed article to the publisher on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Required References:

1. 2 non-fiction books
2. 2 internet sources (not search engines)
3. 1 reference source (online or hardcopy)
4. 1 source of your choice

All of your sources will be recorded on the references worksheets.

Information:

* During the process you will be given specific information.
* You will have a contract to help you meet your deadlines.
* You will have a citing worksheet to help organize your references.
* You will have a Fact File to organize all of your notes.
* You will have access to the computer lab to type your paper.
* You will have several formative assessments to be sure your work is meeting the learning targets.
* You will have a final rubric to evaluate your writing as you work.

Process: (Complete in order listed)

1. Select your general topic.
2. Narrow your focus (get a specific topic). (4.061)
3. Decide on your 3 sub-topics (can have more, but 3 is the minimum). Write a research question for each of these. (3.06)
4. Research using multiple sources listed in requirements (3.05 & 3.06)
5. Take notes by putting information found into your own words. (4.072)
6. Organize information (4.051 & 4.062)
7. Write a rough draft (4.063)
8. Revise
9. Create both simple and complex sentences in writing (4.083)
10. Write with elaboration that sticks to the topic (4.061)
11. Revise elaboration by adding prepositional phrases (5.031)
12. Use prepositional phrases to vary the beginning of sentences (5.031)
13. Choose vocabulary that is relevant and informs and/or persuades (4.033)
14. Edit
15. Check Spelling (5.05 & 5.06))
16. Capital letters used appropriately in the writing and the reference section (5.012)
17. Punctuation used correctly (5.013)
18. Publish. (5.082)
19. Title font size: 16
20. Sub-title font size: 14
21. Paragraph font size: 12
22. Font color: Black
23. Double space between sub-topics
24. Remember to type your reference information also.
25. Create a cover for your research based article (this will only be done after your teacher has signed off on the publication of your final draft)
26. Name of article
27. Your Name
28. Date Published
29. Picture (either electronic or drawn by you)

**What will be turned in: *(Keep everything – throw nothing away)***

1. Research Contract
2. Research Questions
3. Notes from research (index cards) and reference list
4. Rough Draft with revision and editing evidence
5. Final Published Piece
6. Complete Reference List typed
7. Cover for your article
8. Formative Assessment Sheet
9. Rubric

**5th Grade Research Contract**

Introduced to students on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Student: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Topic: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Due Date Task Teacher Approved

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Topic Chosen**

*“I can select a meaningful, focused topic for my writing.”*

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Sub-Topic Questions listed**

*“I can create quality research questions.”*

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Minimum resources (2) found**

*“I can use required resources to answer my research questions.”*

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Note taking progressing effectively**

*“I can collect appropriate information to answer my research questions.”*

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Note taking completed**

*“I can take notes from various reference materials and put the information*

*In my own words.”*

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Rough draft completed**

*“I can put ideas into sentences and paragraphs in an organized way*

*when writing my rough draft.”*

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Revised and Edited copy completed**

*“I can revise my writing to improve the quality of the content, using*

*organization, sentence structure and word choice.”*

*“I can improve my writing by correcting the errors in capitalization,*

*punctuation, spelling and grammar.”*

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Final Research paper completed**

*“I can produce a final written project.”*

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Total Number of Deadlines Met

Your teacher’s signature is required on or before the due date to indicate you met the requirement.

Research Topics to choose from:

*These research topics are relevant to the 5th grade science and social studies curriculum.*

*Please select one broad topic.*

REMEMBER: These topics are very broad; you must narrow your topic before you begin your research! Some suggestions are included. If you would like to select the narrowed topic on your own it must be approved by your teacher.

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| ***General Topic Ideas*** | ***Your focus area:*** |
| Revolutionary War Influence the war played on the  adoption of the Articles of  Confederation, The Constitution, and the  Bill of Rights | | |
| The US Constitution Three Branches of Gov., duties of each,  importance of each to our lives today | | |
| Bill of Rights Select 3 of the first 10 Amendments.  Explain what each means. How does  each impact on our lives today? | | |
| Native Americans Select a certain person or tribe. Explain  the part this person or tribe played  (positive or negative) in the building of a  new nation called America. | | |
| Civil War Positive and negative effects the war  had on the United States | | |
| Civil War Names, locations, dates, and results of  Civil War battles fought in North Carolina.  How did these battles impact our state? | | |
| Slavery/Emancipation Relationship between slavery, the  Emancipation Proclamation, and the  Civil Rights Movement | | |
| Underground Railroad Role Underground Railroad played in  ending slavery | | |
| Ecosystems Select a specific biome and describe  the plants and animals that live there  and how they adapt to their habitat. | | |
| Landforms Select a specific landform and explain  how human interaction and nature  aided in its creation/change over time. | | |
| Weather Influence of geography on weather  and climate | | |
| Weather Select a specific type of natural,  weather related disaster. | | |

**Formative Assessment**

What level of quality did you achieve?

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| Date: | I can statement: | Critique |
|  | **Topic Selection**  I can select a meaningful, focused topic for my writing. | 4 3 2 1 0 |
|  | **Sub-Topic Questions**  I can create at least 5 quality research questions. | 4 3 2 1 0 |
|  | **Hard Copy Resources**  I can use required resources to answer my research questions. | 4 3 2 1 0 |
|  | **Effective Note taking**  I can collect appropriate information to answer my research questions. | 4 3 2 1 0 |
|  | **Note taking completed**  I can take notes from various reference materials. | 4 3 2 1 0 |
|  | **Rough draft completed**  I can put ideas into sentences and paragraphs in an organized way when writing my rough draft. | 4 3 2 1 0 |
|  | **Revising and Editing**  I can revise my writing to improve the quality of the content, using organization, sentence structure and word choice.  I can improve my writing by correcting the errors in capitalization, punctuation, spelling and grammar. | 4 3 2 1 0 |

**References**

(You must have 6 sources – 2 nonfiction books, 2 internet sources, 1 reference source, and 1 source of your choice)

**Book References (2 non-fiction books required)**

**\*\*1st Book Source**

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